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# Feingold speaks out

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

In the midst of chaos and the largest protests Madison has seen in decades, former Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold sat down for an interview with Rachel Maddow. Commenting on what is happening in Madison, Feingold stated, "Well, Let me just say how proud I am of the people of Wisconsin for reacting to this outrageous proposal from Governor Walker. You know, Rachel, it is not like the people in Wisconsin are in a foul mood. The Packers just won the Super Bowl. The Badgers just beat the number one, Ohio State basketball team, and it is 50 or 60 degrees warmer than last week. It's not like people are just looking for something to be upset about. But when you stick it in the eye of the badger like this and try to take away the rights of workers throughout the state, they react. And this is a tremendous, inspiring reaction that shows that we are

ready to take the fight against those who want to destroy the rights of working people in our state."

Republican Governor Scott Walker made the radical proposal on Friday, February 11th to destroy the rights of working people in Wisconsin, with the reasoning of the need to balance the budget. As far as anyone can tell there aren't any budget implications whatsoever and this is just a way to dismantle unions throughout the state and make a national mark for him.

With the upset going on in Madison, 30,000 people showed up to protest this outrageous proposal at the state capital equal to the size of protests going on in Bahrain's capital city! Sleeping bags lined the floor of the rotunda of people that refused to go home. A public hearing was held, with the Republican Party leaving at 3:00 AM, and the Democratic Party continuing the hearing throughout the remainder of the morning.

Perhaps even more outrageous is the fact that he is being selective in the unions he is attempting to dismantle. Wisconsin firefighters showed up to protest for union workers rights, even though their union is not in danger of Walker's war on the unions. In fact, the only three unions safe from dismantling are the firefighters, cops and state patrol (unions that supported him in the last election).

Russ Feingold re-



**Protestors at the Wisconsin State capital building.**

cently formed a grassroots political action committee called Progressives United. A committee that is made up of people from all over the state and the country that fight for the rights of individuals in the political process and to not allow corporations to have those same exact rights. In its very first day over 10,000 people joined the organization. You can sign up and learn more by going to [progressivesunited.org](http://progressivesunited.org).

Our former Senator Russ Feingold made the statement that spoke for many concerned citizens throughout the state, "The folks that are in that capital are students,

teachers, public employees, but also private employees and firefighters came. Even though they are trying to divide and conquer not only between private and public employees. They're trying to divide people within the public employees."

"It's not going to work, because we in Wisconsin are going to stand up for those rights that you talked about. You listed things like child labor laws, minimum wage and other ideas that came through the labor movement—much of that, most of that, came from Wisconsin originally. This is a proud tradition. And we're not going to let Gover-

nor Walker acting as a shill, basically for those corporations destroy the rights of working people." Across the state teachers and other public workers are taking action and closing schools to protest.



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# Our pathway to building a Healing Center

## *Ki jire Nagu Mission Statement*

Submitted by Roberta Decorah, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator

*"Ki jire Nagu offers a nurturing pathway to help people in overcoming their trauma and addictions by supporting emotional, mental, physical and spiritual health, utilizing Native American traditions and beliefs along with individualized intervention."*

### **Ki jire Nagu History**

Resolution 10-11-03 J:

Healing Center for Addictions

Resolution 11-17-09 M: Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Shall Financially Support The Completion Of The Healing Center To Secure Our Future Generations' Health and Well-Being

The Healing Center Workgroup has been working on a comprehensive master plan since August 13, 2010. This comprehensive master plan includes critical program design components that are based upon the cultural values and vision

as it relates to the intended project's mission statement, certification needs and sustainable considerations. The workgroup has been collecting vital statistics to identify the target population, forecasting capacity needs and establishing a final needs assessment.

As the proposed program and facility is greater defined, these critical program elements will be determined and incorporated into the future program development design. The many hours of hard work and brainstorming strategizes to make this facility a self sustaining program will soon be written in a final master plan for review. In the coming months this plan for the Healing Center will be presented to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, which will bring this workgroup one step closer to achieving their goal of a Healing Center for our people.

Currently the workgroup is developing a cost effective

criteria to aide in the future site selection. With this task it was determined that the workgroup will visit each of the potential sites to gain a greater vision of the future site and its surroundings. The workgroup feels that it is very important for the site to have a nurturing environment and a place where the participants will feel comfortable and enjoy their stay.

The workgroup is comprised of the following dedicated individuals Myrtle Long, Jean Ann Day, Donald Greengrass, Robert Mann, Terry Greendeer, Cecilia Kraus, Morgan WhiteEagle, and Legislators Holst, Smith and Decorah along with Legislative and Executive support staff. The workgroup members each have their own reasons for participating in this huge project and have heart-felt urgency to see it completed.

"I felt the sadness in my heart when I was asked to assist a mother when she lost her son due to unforeseen



**Members of the Healing Center Master Planning Workgroup meeting at the MPC conference room.**

circumstances," stated Roberta Decorah. She went on to say "I could feel the sadness as I held her as she cried and I tried to comfort her by holding her, it was through this experience that drove me to assist in some little way."

The addiction issue has been plaguing the Ho-Chunk for a long time and

we are going to see the Healing Center through to its completion. The Healing Center Master Planning Workgroup is comprised of members who have a passion to see this Healing Center completed. They have their stories and experiences which is their **"DRIVER"**.

### **ATTENTION: HO-CHUNK NATION ELDERS**

In order to receive Energy Assistance from the Tribal Aging Unit, the requirements are; the elder lives in his/her own home, and the bill from the energy supplier(s), propane, natural gas, or electric heat, needs to be in the Elder's name.

Applicants need to submit:

- A completed TAU Energy Assistance Application
- A copy of the most recent energy bill
- A copy of the first 2 pages of the most recent 1040 federal income tax filing

TAU will notify elders if they are eligible for additional energy assistance programs and contact information to apply. Contact the Tribal Aging Unit in your area or call the Black River Falls TAU Office- toll free 1-(888) 701-8284 or 1-(715) 284-0811 for an application or additional information.



### **Just a Friendly Reminder to All of Our Bowling Enthusiasts:**

We will again be hosting the annual Jim/Hank Smoke bowling tournament. This will be a bigger and better event since this will be the tenth year. It is at the usual place Strike Zone in Tomah, on April 16th, so pencil us in for that day. We will be having even more things to raffle off, of course the usual Pendleton and ash basket. More info later, however we will be having a higher payout this year since it is ten years!



### **February Elders Birthdays**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lucille Roberts      | 14. Bonnie Smith      |
| 2. Elizabeth Greyhair   | 15. Francis Steindorf |
| 3. Owen Cloud           | 16. Esther Redhawk    |
| 5. Gary Keller          | 19. Dennis Whitehorse |
| 7. Lillian Thundercloud | Maureen Sanford       |
| 8. George Youngthunder  | 20. Brenda Brown      |
| 9. Morgan WhiteEagle    | 21. Lily Wood         |
| 10. Elliot Garvin       | 22. Loylee Kearnes    |
| Deanna Greendeer        | 23. Fidel Delrosa     |
| Geraldine Connery       | Rena Moser            |
| Theresa Goodwin         | 25. Helene Lincoln    |
| Patricia Ennis          | 26. Velma Lewis       |
| 11. Norman Snake Sr.    | Owen Wilson           |
| Janice Stott            | Marcella Duke         |
| 12. Janice Savage       | 27. Ray Lopez         |
| Lavon Wright            | Frieda Blackcoon      |
| Daniel Topping          | Paul Whitehorse       |
| Dale Garvin             | 28. Phyllis McCloud   |
| 13. Nancy Smith         | Walter Whitehorse     |
| Andrea Pence            | 29. Lorena Coffey     |
| Judith Ann Thundercloud | Stephanie Higgins     |
| Purcel Delrosa          | 30. Geri Swan         |
| Chloris Lowe Jr.        | Lionel Cloud          |
| 14. Gloria Godfrey      | William Goodbear      |
| Alvin Alderman          | 31. Marcie Patton     |
| Mary Ellen Allowan      | Delores Beatty        |



# 10 Weeks to Your First 5K - Part 3

Submitted by  
Kathleen Clemons,  
Exercise Physiologist

Well here we are already at week 5! It is important to note that if you are training and a week still seems challenging to you just repeat that week. You have plenty of time to get in shape, don't jump ahead and follow the plan, progressing slowly in your distance and fitness. This is important to avoid injuries. We are still working with time goals and not

miles yet - that is coming soon! Below are weeks 5 and 6. Please call me if you have any questions. 715-284-9851, ext 5308.

**Week 5** - Remember, you can switch the program around to match your schedule

**Monday** - Rest

**Tuesday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. You will make another decrease in your walking interval today. Walk for 3 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

**Wednesday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 4 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

**Thursday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 3 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

**Friday** - Rest or cross train.

**Saturday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Decrease your walking interval to 2 minutes. Walk for 2 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

**Sunday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 2 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

**Week 6**

**Monday** - Rest

**Tuesday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Decrease your walking interval to 1 minute. Walk for 1 minute and jog for 5 minutes.

**Wednesday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 2 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

**Thursday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 1 minute and jog for 5 minutes.

**Friday** - Rest or cross train.

**Saturday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Today, you will de-

crease your walking interval to 30 seconds. Walk for 30 seconds and jog for 5 minutes.

**Sunday** - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 30 seconds and jog for 5 minutes.

*It is always recommended to ask your physician if a running program would be safe for you. The Ho-Chunk Nation or Exercise Services is not responsible for any injuries or unforeseen circumstances that may occur by you voluntarily participating in this program.*

## Daycare Center coming to Black River Falls

John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

After over two years of planning, the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) is preparing to break ground on a daycare center to be located on tribal trust land near the Executive Building.

Paul Tysse, a Grant Writer with HHCDA said the funding for the future **Children's Learning Village Montessori** was provided by a \$600K Indian Housing Community Block Grant and a \$150K contribution from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

HHCDA Development and Modernization Director, Neil Whitegull explained that after having issues with past architects, HHCDA is now working with HGM Architecture, an Oshkosh based company that has designed past tribal projects and that bids for building the center will be taken shortly. He expects to break ground sometime this spring and is optimistic the daycare will be operational as early as January 2012.

The proposed 7,500 square foot building (that will be built to accommodate future expansion) will be designed to provide daycare for 50-60 children infant age through six-years-old in an atmo-

sphere that provides a curriculum for each child and allows the child to learn at their own pace. Daycare providers will have the required state training plus Montessori training. HHCDA Grants Assistant, Justine Hill said that because the nearest Montessori Training Center is in Minneapolis, HHCDA is considering contracting to provide training sessions in Black River Falls or offering on-line training that would be flexible to the trainee's schedule.

Hill added that the Montessori curriculum was chosen because it has shown great promise in the education of Native American children using the independent learning style it promotes. Initially all lead teachers will be Montessori trained. The long range goal is to have all teachers and board members certified in Montessori.

Tysse stated that although some details have yet to be worked out, applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The daycare will be available to the general public but priority will be given to Native children.

Hill explained that rooms will be set aside for different age groups. The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families: Division of Early

Care and Education dictates that according to the age group, there are mandated ratios of providers to children and a maximum group size. For example; the Infant Group requires one provider for every four infants and a maximum of eight infants one group. The three to four-year-old group requires a minimum of one provider for every 10 children and a maximum of 20 in a group.

Whitegull stated that Black River Falls was selected because of the need for a daycare in the area and the availability of tribal property near the Executive Building and

Health Clinic. The site is the first HHCDA planned daycare and Whitegull added that in the future the Agency would consider building daycares in other Ho-Chunk communities "if the need is there."

Tysse and Whitegull both stressed that although HHCDA is willing to provide some of the startup costs, the daycare will be self funded and eventually self sufficient. It will be classified as a non-profit with any extra money being returned to the daycare. Hill added that in Black River Falls, there is a huge shortage of infant daycare and the HHCDA is providing the daycare

as a service to the community.

While an hourly childcare rate has not yet been set, Tysse and Whitegull agreed that it will be near the going rate of childcare in the community.

Current plans are for the building to be open 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 12 months a year, with observance of all major holidays. An early drop-off service will be offered as needed.

Whitegull said the building should be available for community meetings and other events.

### Wahooceeki gra Daycare

Wahooceeki gra Daycare is now accepting enrollment applications for children ages 6 weeks to 16 months!

Wahooceeki gra Daycare is a Hockak language immersion daycare located in Tomah, WI with the sole purpose of preserving our native Hockak language by creating fluent speakers.

We are open Monday through Thursday, 7am to 5pm.

To obtain an application, please contact Wahooceeki gra Daycare at 608-372-5060 or request by email: [bonnie.blrd@ho-chunk.com](mailto:bonnie.blrd@ho-chunk.com)  
Application Deadline is: February 4, 2011

**Three sisters,** ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?' The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down? The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood...' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!!

(unknown author but a joke that just had to be passed on.)

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# A story worth sharing

## Watching out for on-line predators

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Alicia Kozakiewicz's nightmare began December 31 2001. The then 13-year-old girl was kidnapped by someone she met over the Internet.

Found four days later, Alicia now travels the country warning of the dangers floating out in cyberspace while hoping to become a voice for exploited children. On behalf of the Alicia Project, she and her mother, Mary, speak to parents and children nationwide promoting Internet Safety Programs that will serve to educate listeners and help prevent other children from being abducted.

On February 8, Alicia and Mary shared their story at the Wilderness Resort-Glacier Canyon Convention Center in Lake Delton, WI. Hosted by the Lake Delton Police Department, nearly 300 children and adults attended the event getting the information needed to protect themselves against online predators.

Taken from her rural Pittsburgh home by a man she met on the Internet, Alicia was taken to the man's home in Virginia where she was beaten, tortured and raped. Two days later, her captor bragged to a friend that he was holding the girl and sent a picture of Alicia to prove it. When the friend recognized Alicia from pictures on the news, he called the FBI. Later that day, authorities arrested 38-year-old Scott Tyree. Charged and convicted of transporting a minor for illegal sexual conduct, Tyree is now serving a 20-year term in prison.

Now 22-years-old and a recent college graduate, Alicia shared her experience and warned how the careless use of the Internet can change a young person's life.

"I cry inside and mourn for the child that was me," Alicia said. "I was a princess who had her childhood taken away." The FBI estimates that there

are about 50,000 child predators using the Internet to carry out their crimes and Alicia warned everyone that "the boogey man is real. He lives on the net. He lived in my computer and he lives on yours. While you're sitting here, he could be at your home with your children."

Alicia was not the only victim. Mary stressed that the entire family was victimized.

Noting that everyone who was living at the time remembers the Kennedy assassinations and 9/11, Mary stated that "January 1, 2002 was my 9/11." She recalled that when Alicia's older brother reported she wasn't in her room, "we knew something was wrong."

Alicia was kidnapped over nine years ago and Mary admits she was unfamiliar with the potential danger of Internet chat rooms. While in the ensuing years, chat rooms have become more popular, she fears that many of today's parents know little more than she did.

"We supplied Alicia with the best technology that we could afford and never took the time to learn about it," she said. Having experienced the danger of the Internet, she warned that all parents need to become aware of today's technology. "We feared that we had lost our future," she said.

"Kids will always know more than we know," she continued. Because technology presents dangers to our children that weren't present 20 years ago, Mary believes that parents need to take back the power and set the ground rules for computer use in the home.

Aware that when going online, "kids can be everything they want to be but can't be at home," and that many see themselves as adults, Mary urges that every parent monitor their child's websites. "Internet predators can't come in unless they're invited," she



Alicia and Mary Kozakiewicz travel the country educating parents and children on the dangers associated with the Internet.

stressed.

She warned that parents cannot rely on others to keep their child safe. "Parents need to take the responsibility and learn what's in that little box," she said. Among the suggestions that Mary offered to help keep children safe from Internet predators was keeping the password away from children and most important talking to your children about the potential dangers associated with chat rooms.

"If we do our job, not one more child will suffer at the hands of an online predator," she said. "Not one more child. I know what these monsters can do. Working together, we can stop them. You can change the world."

Collaborating with four other victims Alicia co-authored "You're Not

Alone," a publication whose goal is to empower other young abductees. She was the subject of an award winning Internet Safety documentary for PBS and her story has been featured on the Oprah Show and in magazines including "People" and "Cosmopolitan" as a means of raising an awareness of Internet dangers.

For her efforts, Alicia has received both a 2009 Jefferson Award and the 2007 Courage Award by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation offers a **NETSMARTZ** Training Program that provides tips to Internet safety. Call (608) 266-1671 for more information.

# A checklist for Internet safety

**Enough Is Enough**, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to make the Internet safer for children and families, has developed a **Rules' N Tools** Checklist designed to help protect children going online. Parents, educators and other

adults are encouraged to implement both the safety rules and software tools with their children and to focus on the positives of the Internet while teaching children about the potential dangers and how to make wise choices online.

The following is reprinted with the permission of **Enough Is Enough**.

### RULES

- Establish an ongoing dialogue and keep the lines of communication open.
- Supervise use of all Internet-enabled devices.
- Know your child's online activities and friends.
- Regularly check the online communities that your children use, such as social networking and gaming sites, to see what information they are posting.
- Supervise the photos and videos your kids post and send online.
- Discourage the use of webcams and mobile video devices.
- Teach your children how to protect personal information posted online and to follow the same rules with respect to the personal information of others.
- Be sure your children use privacy settings.
- Instruct your children to avoid meeting face-to-face with someone they only

know online or through their mobile service.

- Teach your children how to respond to cyberbullies.
- Establish an agreement with your children about Internet use at home and outside the home.

### TOOLS

- Set age-appropriate filters
- Consider using monitoring software, especially if you sense that your child is at risk.
- Periodically check your child's online activity by viewing your browser's history.
- Set time limits and consider using time-limiting software.
- Disallow access to chat rooms and only allow live audio chat with extreme caution.

- Limit your child's instant messaging (IM) contacts to a parent-approved buddy list.
  - Use safe search engines.
  - Set up the family's cyber-security protections.
  - Utilize parental controls on your child's mobile phone and other mobile devices.
- Parental controls should be utilized on all Internet-enabled devices (desktops, laptops and gaming, mobile and music devices.) However these resources are not a substitute for parental supervision.*

Report any content or activity that you suspect as illegal or criminal to local law enforcement and to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or at 1-800-843-5678.

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**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**

Making the Internet Safer for Children and Families



# HCN Gaming partners with Fox Sports Wisconsin

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Since 2009 the Ho-Chunk Nation has been an on-air television sponsor of Milwaukee Brewers baseball games, Milwaukee Bucks basketball games and University of Wisconsin Hockey games broadcast on Fox Sports Wisconsin, a network that reaches over 1.7 subscribers in six designated market areas throughout the state via cable or satellite technology.

Along with Milwaukee



and Madison, the designated markets include Green Bay/Appleton, La Crosse/Eau Claire, Wausau/Rhineland and Duluth/Superior.

Dave Abangan, Director of Marketing at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison stated that Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin currently advertises on over 200 Brewers and Bucks games annually, giving the Nation an important source of media sponsorship throughout the state.

According to a 2008 report in the Sports Business Journal, an average of 67,000 households watched at least a part of every Brewer game. The team's local viewership ranked eighth among the 30 major league teams.

The current agreement ends in April and Abangan said that because "it provides us a great

amount of exposure," the Nation is currently in the process of renewing its agreement with Fox Sports.

In the current agreement, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin is exposed during 135 Brewer, 70 Bucks and 10 University of Wisconsin Hockey games throughout the 2009-10 seasons.

Each Brewer telecast features two (2)-30 second spots per game during in-game action, one in-game billboard that has the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin logo on the screen and one "Texting Question" feature, where the announcers state the question and answer segment is sponsored by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin.

During Bucks' and UW hockey games, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin has two



(2)-30 second spots per game during in-game action and one in-game billboard or feature.

As part of the agreement, Abangan explained that Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin also receives 300 one-minute

spots that air randomly during games or during other Fox Wisconsin Programming. Labeled ROS (Run of Schedule) spots, the commercials run when the time has not been sold. "It's free advertising," he said.

## A trip to remember

Submitted by  
Corbine, Thundercloud,  
Greendeer, and Funmaker

Sheila Corbine, Nehomah Thundercloud, Joan Greendeer and Katie Funmaker, four die-hard Packer fans leave the frozen and frigid lands of Wisconsin and head down to North Texas for a battle of the ages. Two old-school football teams, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers battle for the most coveted trophy in professional sports.

that its common practice for people to have guns in Texas.

Once we reach the hotel, tired and in much need of a shower, there is a couple in the lobby selling Super Bowl gear. They ask if we're from Wisconsin and we say 'yes'. They also asked us if we followed the Pow Wow trail. What? Really? We thought it was kind of humorous, but they proceed to tell us how they've been to Keshena for the Pow wow and that they

Sherlock's. There we mingled with fellow packer fans and ate dinner. On our way out, we saw the Packer mobile parked outside the restaurant.

On a dare, we went downtown to Gilley's for some bull riding. Katie "Daredevil" Funmaker seldom backs away from a dare, so we found ourselves at Gilley's but no bull. How disappointing. There was, however, this man walking around in a Rivera jersey all evening and we found that a little odd. Odd because who still has a Rivera jersey? Later in the evening we discovered it was actually Marco Rivera from the Packers 1997 Super Bowl team. The jersey choice now made perfect sense.

Alas, the lack of sleep has caught up with us and time for some much needed rest.

Game Day – we wake up bright and early thanks to Sheila "The Task Master" Corbine head back downtown to the NFL Experience. While there, we split up into two teams, those who wanted to shop and those who wanted to stand in line and do fun things. Both teams did a segment for the GMC Never Say Never Moment BUT only 1 team, team Corbine/Funmaker, got to be on the NFL NETWORK during a broadcast. Yes, we cheered like crazy Packer fans and waved



Marco Rivera from the 1997 Super Bowl team, poses with these die hard packer fans.

our arms like wild idiots. But it was fun.

Off to Vernon's to watch the game. Vernon's was rated the #1 place to watch Packer games in Dallas. While in the parking lot at Vernon's we run into Frank Emmert, Jr. Some of you might remember Frank as the man who survived a 1995 plane crash in Stevens Point, survived because of his foam cheesehead. He now travels the country selling the cheeseheads from the back of his minivan.

Game time – sitting in a tent filled with Packer fans from all over the country. You all know how the game turned out. It was exciting to be sharing this momentous

event with other Packer fans from around the country. We cheered, laughed, and cried as the final minutes wound down as the Steelers failed to make a 1st down. What an awesome game.

Eventually we made our way back to the hotel to rest. The day was an emotional roller-coaster. Stress levels were at an all-time high and thank god our team was victorious. We left our hotel at 7 am and joined the thousands of other Packer fans leaving the city of Dallas, honking and waving and giving the real 'number one sign' as we meandered our way back to the frozen and frigid lands of Wisconsin.



(L-R) Joan Greendeer-Lee, Sheila Corbine, Katie Funmaker, and Nehomah Thundercloud stand in front of the Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, TX.

Through Iowa we run into trouble. Only fumes left in the gas tank, 7 miles left until we run out. Whoosh! Salvation, we find a gas station. Clear sailing for most of the drive down then we hit Oklahama, with the most treacherous road conditions so far. The roads are covered in ice and cars, trucks and semis are in the ditch. We count 18 vehicles in the ditch in a 10 mile stretch. Good thing we have Joan "Steady As She goes" Greendeer-Lee in the driver seat, our top speed 40 miles per hour.

We finally reach North Texas and are greeted by a motorist who sticks his arm out the window and lifts up his middle finger. We only assumed it meant that our team is #1. The Packers really are America's team. Nehomah "Smoocher" Thundercloud got out her foam #1 finger and we were going to run him down to show him our foam finger but then remembered

followed the pow wow trail. They even mentioned their favorite drum group. Sorry it wasn't the Wisconsin Dells Singers, but some other group.

We shower and as we're leaving the hotel, we traded jabs with some Steelers fans and they informed us that, "The Steelers don't lose Super Bowls." We finally make our way to Arlington, TX and Cowboy Stadium. We took pictures and attempted to walk around the stadium but it was a total madhouse. Enough of that! We did appreciate the giant pictures of Clay Matthews and Aaron Rodgers on the side of the stadium though.

As a side note for all you WalMart fans, Sheila included, WalMart is right next to the stadium.

We were wise enough to send out a scout, DOJ attorney Brian VanStippen, for our trip down to Dallas. He mentioned a Packer party at

## Training Opportunity

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor will offer two classes to prepare you for possible placement into entry level Road Crew positions.

Upon successful completion, you will receive certification in Flagging, OSHA 10, PTT, CPR, First Aid and Fire Safety. Classes will be limited to 10 participants. You must have basic computer skills as course work will be done on a computer. PRE-REGISTRATION is required at least 1 week prior to the class. Applications are available from the TERO Office. Applicants must have proof of Tribal Enrollment, High School Diploma/HSED/GED and a Driver's License on file.

The first class will be in Black River Falls from February 7th through February 11th starting promptly at 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

At the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post

The second class will be in Madison from March 7th through March 11th starting promptly at 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Location to be determined – accepted applicants will be notified 1 week prior to the training.

If you are interested, contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of TERO at 800-294-9343 ext. 1136 or 1141 for information about the TERO Road Crew Certification class. There will be no charge for the class for participants who successfully complete the courses. Participants will be required to sign an attendance agreement with TERO. Lunch will be provided.



# President Obama makes an impact on Madison youth

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk student Kaleb Ryckman started his day just like any other day. Little did he know that a momentous event was about to happen and make a huge impact on his life. Kaleb, a football player at Madison LaFollette High School said that the events that happened that day will leave him with wonderful memories and bragging rights that he got to shake President Obama's hand.

On this particular day, September 29, 2010, Kaleb was in the locker room when he heard the football coach urging the young men to get out onto the field. When Kaleb rushed out of the locker room he realized immediately that something big was about to happen and that he needed to hurry. Caution tape had been placed around the perimeter of the football field and he

watched as a parade of official vehicles pulled up to the school.

He made it out onto the field and watched as a regal black limo pulled in front of the school. At this point the students realized that they were in the presence of President Obama. Kaleb watched as President Obama stepped out of that limo and onto the football field. Kaleb remarked that it took a while for the President to make it to the football team as the tennis team surrounded the President and took pictures with the gracious Obama.

When the President was able to make his way to the football team, Kaleb was in awe as the President of the United States was shaking every single football player's hand. The President came prepared knowing all the team's football stats. This really impressed Kaleb and many of

the other surprised witnesses of the event, that the President took time out of his busy day to remember those statistics.

The President spoke with the team on how he loved football but never played. He told of how he played basketball and that the students needed to look ahead to their futures. As the President spoke all of the players dropped to one knee in respect. He spoke on how he's making all these big decisions and we're doing the same thing, except on a smaller scale on the field."

"He said to keep moving forward and not look back, and always be committed and never give up. He told the kids who don't start just to keep coming to practice, keep working hard, and good things will turn out for you." All the students will remember his words to, "Do good in school, stay in school and work hard, because sports isn't the only option and it's likely not the best, because it's hard to move on to the next level."

The football team presented the President with a T-shirt reading, "RYFP" that stands for, "reach your full potential." President Obama took pictures with the team, and made a mark on those students forever. Kaleb stated, "Many of the students there that were able to shake the President's hand swore that they weren't ever going to wash their hand again."



Sophomore Kaleb Ryckman



Football players respectfully listening to President Obama

When asked what he learned from the experience he said, "It was something that he wouldn't ever forget. I felt privileged that I was able to meet the President and shake his hand. The experience opened my eyes that anything is possible and you never know when someone may make a difference in your life." "Meeting the President

felt like a great honor, and he was a very humble man. You could tell that he really cared about education and Madison."

President Obama spoke at UW Madison later on that day and Air Force One took off at around 7:45 and even though he was no longer in Madison his presence was still felt with those that he met.

## Learning by volunteering

Submitted by  
Kristin Kania - Niikuusra Community School teacher

The month of February finds the students of Niikuusra Community School taking on several Service Learning Projects. The 8th graders are partnering with the Nekoosa Academy to collect food for 'Backpacks for Kids'. Each grade at AMS is being challenged to donate the most items by March 25th. Students in the grade with the greatest amount of contributions will be eligible to win raffle prizes.

Another creative effort underway is called 'Brick by Brick - Help for Haiti' which is being lead by one of our 5th grade students. Staff and students in the district can purchase a 'brick' to

add to our school wall to raise money to build homes for families victimized by last year's hurricane.

The 3rd volunteer project involves making No-Sew Fleece Blankets which will be donated to the South Wood County Humane Society. Students have been contacting local business owners to ask for blanket 'sponsors'. Monies raised will go towards the purchase of the materials to make the blankets which will then be donated to SWCHS in their name.

You can now find more information about Niikuusra Community School online. The official website is still under construction but can be found by going to <http://www.Niikuusra.org>.

## ATTENTION • ATTENTION



If you are thinking about going back to school and need to take a compass test prior to enrolling, come to the Department of Labor. We have a pre-compass test you can take to let you know where you may need additional practice or brushing up. Also if you are testing for your GED/HSED we also have pre-testing available.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

**NOTICE:**

If you are a Ho-Chunk Tribal Member planning to attending college this Summer or Fall term. **May 1<sup>st</sup>** is our **Priority Funding Deadline date**. You can still be considered for funding on a first-come-first-serve basis after this priority deadline.

**Graduating High School Seniors!**  
Please contact our office so we may help you start the process of completing your application and other forms for our **Ho-Chunk Nation Scholarship**

★ **Website:** You can print all the Higher Education forms, review program guidelines, scholarships, and our policy at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com)

★ **E-mail:** For your convenience Higher Education Division has a student mail box to e-mail your questions and concerns at [www.higher.education@ho-chunk.com](mailto:www.higher.education@ho-chunk.com)



# Passionate about education

## Tribal member Carly Lincoln hopes to inspire others

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

As a non-traditional college student, Carly Lincoln hopes that sharing her story will inspire others to continue their education in a field that interests them.

A parent and a working partner in Winchester Crime and Trauma Recovery L.L.C., Carly is doing something she wanted to do since she was 18-years-old.

Currently taking online courses at St. Leo University, located in St. Leo, FL, Carly recently made the Dean's List while pursuing her degree in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis on Criminalistics and Forensic Science. She had previously earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo and wanted to go back to school to get the practical experience needed to solve investigations. She added that along with helping her satisfy professional goals, her return to school satisfies a personal goal to keep learning. "I read everything and enjoy learning about different things."

Winchester Crime and

Trauma Recovery helps people dealing with an untimely death or another misfortune, clean up their home or business when a violent act or uncontrolled death occurs on their property. The company also works with law enforcement agencies cleaning a crime scene. For example, Carly said, she recently helped clean a house where a meth lab had been operating. Her interest in crime and law enforcement led her to go back to school.

Currently a junior at St. Leo, Carly continued that her courses allow her to work with biological and physical evidence from her home in Fitchburg, WI. Along with being sent evidence kits that allow her to work with saliva, fingerprint and blood samples, the course gives her the opportunity to create mock scenes and put the pieces of the puzzle together.

She is enrolled in an accelerated program and is currently taking two classes that each require about 10-20 of work and study each week.

Admitting that she never

thought about making the Dean's List, "although there's no excuse not to get A's because I enjoy what I'm doing," Carly is grateful for the opportunity to go back to school and study something that will help her professionally while fulfilling a personal passion.

"What I'm learning really means something," she said. "I'll be helping people with what needs to be done by using my problem solving skills."

She wished to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education for helping her obtain the needed funding and acknowledged her partner Judd Sweitzer and her son Logan Beal for the help they have provided. Along with giving her the time to study, the two are always willing to help. For example, she laughed, "whenever I need hair or other samples to work with, Judd and Logan are always there."

She hopes to inspire others that "you're never too old to learn." Her goals include earning a PhD in Forensic



Carly Lincoln

Science and becoming the "utmost authority in the area." She added "when law enforcement needs help at an accident or crime scene, I want them to think of me as being the first person to call."

A member of the Bear Clan that is traditionally viewed as the Nation's law enforcement agency and the daughter of retired State Patrol Officer Gilman Lincoln, Jr., Carly is also working with the Ho-Chunk Nation Law Enforcement Commission. She was appointed by the

Commission to help with the process of the Nation entering a law Enforcement Agreement with Dane County, similar to agreements it has with six other counties in the state. She continued that although the Nation's land holdings in Dane County is primarily confined to the four acres that is the site of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison, there are 289 Ho-Chunk members living in Dane County.

The Nation currently has an Intergovernmental Agreement with Dane County Law Enforcement but Carly noted that when help is needed, the City of Madison usually responds. She and others are working to educate outside law enforcement agencies that "tribes' having their own law enforcement is a good thing."

She hopes to recruit Ho-Chunk members with a law enforcement background willing to speak to Ho-Chunk communities about the potential benefits of the Nation establishing its own police force. "It's a good program for the tribe," she concluded.

## Neeshla Youth News

Submitted by Annette Crowder  
WI Dells Youth Coordinator

This past summer, the students and staff shared a very enriching "Discover Wisconsin" experience. This included exploring a number of waterfalls, scenic locations, and other outdoor activities. If you were to view a map with your child(ren), you may be delighted to find out some of the new locations around Wisconsin they discovered, from the desert in the Spring Green Preserve, to the breathtaking waterfalls at Copper Falls State Park. We also went tubing on Little Wolf River, took in the natural bridge located in Rockbridge, and more. Did you know Wisconsin has a state park called Big Foot?

Have you ever immersed yourself in the crystal clear waters of Lake Superior? We believe a highlight was the unbelievable multi-level waterfalls that the students saw after a hike through the woods at Willow River State Park, however, some of the students may lean towards the Jelly Belly Factory visit.

During the month of August, a cultural week was held. This event started at the center and ended with a camping trip at Crockett's. The male students experienced making a drum from start to finish, and the female students did some beading and made ash baskets.

When we weren't out and about, the students maintained a garden and gave the bounty to the elders. They prepared for the center's first science fair by researching a topic and then putting together an experiment for the fair. It was wonderful to have so many people visit the student booths and commend them on their work. Afterwards, the science fair participants took a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL. We hope to do a return visit to this museum to experience more of the multitude of exhibits offered.

We got back to business this school year with our Home School Coordinators & Teachers tutoring youth in the schools during the day and into the night at the center. Our standard objective this year is to encourage academic success in all of our students. If you know of any eligible youth in need of services, please don't hesitate to call us at 608-355-1240 ext. 5527.

The activity/prevention side of the program has also been moving forward with tremendous momentum. We began the year off with



a float in the Wozhawa Parade. We have also been striving to make the health of our youth one of our priorities. We had our youth's BMIs (Body Mass Index) calculated in September. We followed up with the Ho-Chunk Olympics in November and have been having monthly nutrition education classes. We have also been trying to incorporate the many aspects of health. We had Lori Duraney come in to talk to our youth about anger management. Ken Lechturhand has come in to work with the youth on various life skills: listening, relationships, and bullying. Starting in January, we have begun to increase the number of activities relating to substance abuse education and prevention. To increase awareness, not just with our youth, but our entire community, we made substance abuse awareness posters. These will go on display in the House of Wellness Clinic after the remodeling is complete. We have also begun another year of attending the Sober Saturday activities at KEVA Sports Center, which is a program that was started by a high school senior in the Madison area, to increase sobriety in her peers by giving them a cost effective, healthy alternative to drinking and controlled substances. This activity went over very well last year and was a big hit with our youth. We are very glad that they have fun, but that they have also taken the meaning of the events to heart.

CHECK OUT the Dells Youth & Learning Center web site <http://ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=516>, where the monthly calendar of activities, after school schedule, upcoming events, permission slips, and other information can be viewed. You can also CONNECT with us via Facebook to see event pictures and more (just search for "Dells Youth

## Meet Skywalker!

Submitted by  
Annette Crowder  
WI Dells Youth  
Coordinator

The Wisconsin Dells Youth & Learning Center sees many different faces throughout the years. The center's youth continually cycles through the years, shuffling in new members of families, along with the older youth graduating into adulthood. But, the youth aren't the only faces to change at the Wisconsin Dells Youth & Learning Center, staff occasionally changes as well. Luke

Reible is one of the new faces to come on board as one of the youth services staff. Luke started in mid October as a Youth Coordinator and has recently made the switch to Home School Coordinator. Upon his first day of work, the youth quickly nicknamed him SKYWALKER, in reference to the Star Wars Trilogies. Luke grew up in Madison and attended LaFollette High School. Upon graduation, Luke enrolled at MATC to study liberal arts before transferring to UW-Madison and graduating this past spring with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Anthropology. While in college, Luke played rugby for the UW-Madison Men's team and helped coach football, wrestling, and rugby at his high school alma mater. Luke enjoys participating in, and watching, many sports, outdoor activities, and hanging out with friends in his spare time. Luke is very thankful for the Ho-Chunk Nation opening up their arms and allowing him to learn their culture and language along with the bonds being made during his tenure. Luke has already started servicing students at the Wisconsin Dells Area Middle and High Schools. His contact information is [luke.reible@ho-chunk.com](mailto:luke.reible@ho-chunk.com) or 608-355-1240 ext. 5526.



Dells Youth & Learning Center's Home School Coordinator, Luke Reible.

**HO CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2011  
RADISSON HOTEL –  
GREEN BAY, WI**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Daniel Brown at 10:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland (11:46 a.m.)  
Vice President Daniel Brown  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (EX) Rep. Roberta Decorah  
Rep. James Greendeer  
Rep. John Holst  
Rep. Hope Smith  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX)  
Rep. Patrick RedEagle  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (EX)

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum was established.

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was offered by Tehassi Hill, Council Member of Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to approve the agenda with the addition of conference approval. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Legislative Meeting – January 4, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-2 (Reps. Littlejohn & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Administration Sub-Committee – January 6, 2011**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to approve the Administration Sub-Committee meeting minutes of January 6, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 7-0-3 (Reps. Smith, Decorah & Littlejohn) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**General Council Agency Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the General Council Agency job description. Second by Rep. John Holst. 5-0-5 (Reps. Decorah, Greendeer, Greengrass, Blackdeer, & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Rescission**

**of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11L (Appointment of Sandra Smalley as Gaming Commissioner)**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11A – Rescission of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11L (Appointment of Sandra Smalley as Gaming Commissioner). Second by Rep. James Greendeer 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Rescission of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11M**

**(Appointment of Darren Brinegar as Gaming Commissioner)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11B – Rescission of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11M (Appointment of Darren Brinegar as Gaming Commissioner.) Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Appointing Darren Brinegar as Gaming Commissioner**

**MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11C

– Appointing Darren Brinegar as Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Hope Smith 9-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Appointing Kyle Funnaker as Gaming Commissioner**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11D

Appointing Kyle Funnaker as Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Confirmation of Executive Director of the Department of Education**

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11 E Confirmation of Executive Director of the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-0-2 (Reps. Blackdeer & Holst) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Establishment of Task Force to Create Education Code**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11 F Establishment of Task Force to create Education Code. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. John Holst leaves the room at 11:31 p.m.

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Establishment of Task Force regarding Legislative Subcommittees**

**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11 G Establishment of Task Force regarding Legislative Subcommittees. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 7-2 (Rep. Blackdeer & V.P. Brown)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. John Holst was out of the room.

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Trust Land Priority List**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 11-03-11 H Trust Land Priority List. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. John Holst was out of the room.

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice Board of Directors Nomination**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve Lael Hall to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. John Holst was out of the room.

Rep. John Holst returns at 11:36 p.m.

**District Concerns: District 1:**

FYI: To have the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature support the release of the Nation's vendor list to Roush Fenway Racing for sponsorship for the Troy Rave Race Team.

**District 2: La Crosse**

FYI: To approve the Troy Rave racing endeavor

**Madison**

FYI: To have Michelle Decora find out who bumped the Education requirement ahead and have Jennifer WhiteEagle report back to Madison at the February District 2 meeting.

FYI: To have President Wilfrid Cleveland call a Special General Council for specific reasons to discuss and vote on the Education requirement for the Legislature.

FYI: To have the HCN allow Troy Rave racing to negotiate no more than \$4 million and that this sponsorship be developed with the cooperation of the HCN Business Department.

**Baraboo:**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to request information on how many contracts that the Legislative Branch has with lobbyists, consultant, lawyers & marketing firms and how much are spent on each of these to the Chief of Staff. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-1 (Rep. Greengrass)-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to nominate Roberta Funnaker to serve as the alternate on the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board for the Baraboo area. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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meeting minute motion to receive a comprehensive list of the Nation's land that we currently have in trust and a list of the applications for trust status for the Nation to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: To have Rep. Holst look into a new Head Start building for the Christmas Mountain Village in Sauk County.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have a website for the Baraboo area to use as a resource for tribal members with important information regarding the area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta. David Greendeer requested further information.

**Motion rescinded, second concurs.** **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have an immersion child care center programs through the Language & Culture in the Baraboo area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Doug Greengrass leaves the room at 11:49 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to have the exterior lights on the building and parking lot lights fixed at Ho-Chunk Casino, Hotel & Convention Center to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have the sewage odor issue at Ho-Chunk Casino, Bingo & Convention Center resolved to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.

Rep. Greengrass returns at 12:01 p.m.

Rep. Smith leaves the room at 12:01 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion if the Legislature appropriates funds for March Madness to waive the entry fee for Ho-Chunk tribal members to attend the event and waive the vendor fee for the Ho-Chunk tribal members to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-1 (Rep. Blackdeer)-1 (Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Hope Smith was out of the room.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have an investigation done by the Department of Business regarding management and misuse of hours by shift leaders, to have the Department of Personnel investigate the misuse of surveillance equipment for personal use at Whitetail Crossing – Baraboo to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Hope Smith was out of the room.

Rep. Hope Smith returns at 12:03 p.m.

**Tomah** FYI: To have Penny Ybarra attend the NAHASDA training in February.

**District 3:**

Wittenberg **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to have Frank Johnson removed from the Housing Board to the Housing Board. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: To have Martin Littlewolf bring Director's Report and evaluation forms on the HHCDA Director to the next area meeting.

FYI: To rescind last month's area meeting motion to have Myrna Littlewolf removed from the Election Board.

FYI: To have TAU representative have TAU Board update the energy assistance policy.

**Green Bay** FYI: To appoint Dawn Lopez as the GCA Alternate.

FYI: To direct Legislature to support Troy Rave in his racing endeavor by releasing vendor list to Roush Fenway for financial support.

Secondly, the Legislature may pay up to one million dollars to Roush Fenway in the event that all four million dollars is not raised by the vendor list.

**WI Rapids** FYI: That the Legislators support Troy Rave in his driving endeavor by releasing vendor list to Fenway

Roush for financial support. **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that the Legislature direct OOP, Robert Fox or Greg Garvin to change the room rates back to the original rates for all Ho-Chunk Hotels and that hotels honor any tribal discount for any tribe to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that prior notification is needed for Ho-Chunk Tribal members and elders for Ho-Chunk hotel and that Ho-Chunk Elders be exempt from the walk-in rate to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-1 (Rep. Holst) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Wisconsin Dells** **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion that the Legislature recommend that the Office of the President budget additional staff for the Education Department for the JOM & Pre K-12 programs to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion that the Department of Business change the Hotel room rates back to \$39.50 and to take off the ten day notice when reserving a room to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-1 (Rep. John Holst) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion that the Department of Business address the C-Store allegations at Whitetail crossing Baraboo and the issue be resolved within 30 days to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 4:** FYI: That Enrollment set up a stipend for Pat Schultz to get paid.

FYI: That the Legislature give a vendor list, but not to give one million dollars to Troy Rave without a business plan and that all area meetings should see this plan for approval.

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that any candidates for Election Board members not be felons, and should recuse themselves from election process if their immediate family member is running for office for the Election Board. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 5:** Chicago FYI: To have formula area expanded to include Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

**St. Paul/Minneapolis:** FYI: To have the Ho-Chunk Nation release the vendors list to Roush Fenway to help get sponsors.

**Conference Approval:** **MOTION** by Rep. Patrick RedEagle to approve Robert TwoBears and any interested Legislator to attend the conference in Tempe, AZ., February 1-2, 2011. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-2 (Reps. Blackdeer & Greendeer)-1 (Rep. Littlejohn) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve Lawrence Walker, Jr. & Michael Murphy attend the Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-1 (Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:21 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:42 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** President Wilfrid Cleveland Vice President Daniel Brown Rep. Greg Blackdeer Rep. Douglas Greengrass Rep. Clarence Pettibone Rep. Roberta Decorah Rep. James Greendeer Rep. John Holst Rep. Hope Smith Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr. (EX) Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX) Rep. Patrick RedEagle (1:44 p.m.)

Rep. Robert TwoBears (EX) **Determination of Quorum:** Quorum was established.

**Executive Session** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to go into Executive Session. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting goes into Executive Session at 1:43 p.m.

Rep. Patrick RedEagle arrives at 1:44 p.m.  
Rep. Roberta Decorah arrives at 1:44 p.m.  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 2:04 p.m.  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. leaves at 4:23 p.m.  
Rep. Hope Smith leaves at 5:43 p.m.

**Open Session** **MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Legislative Meeting returns to Open Session at 6:05 p.m.** **Ratification of Executive Session** **MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment** **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adjourn until February 8, 2011, the meeting is to be at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.** Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funnaker, Recording Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING -  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JANUARY 31, 2011  
10:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:04 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** President Wilfrid Cleveland Vice President Daniel Brown Rep. Greg Blackdeer Rep. Douglas Greengrass Rep. Clarence Pettibone Rep. Roberta Decorah Rep. James Greendeer 10:08 a.m. Rep. John Holst 10:07 a.m. Rep. Hope Smith (EX) Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr. (EX) Rep. Greg Littlejohn Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit Rep. Patrick Red Eagle Rep. Robert TwoBears (EX)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established

**OPENING PRAYER:** V.P. Brown offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:07 a.m.  
Rep. James Greendeer arrives at 10:08 a.m.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** **RESOLUTION – RENEW THE NATION'S STOP LOSS COVERAGE INSURANCE** **MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 1-31-11 A – Renew the Nation's Stop Loss Coverage Insurance. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 7-0-3 (Reps. Blackdeer & Littlejohn, V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**REFER OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the Legislative Office Standard Operating Procedures to the next Administration Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT** **MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to adjourn. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funnaker, Recording Secretary



# Building bridges

## *Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs connects with VA Agencies*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

On February 18, Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Service Officer, Robert Mann, met with Veteran Administration (VA) personnel from throughout Wisconsin at Ho-Chunk Convention Center. The meeting was part of Mann's goal to establish a network that will allow Ho-Chunk Nation veterans to better understand the help and services that are available through the VA.

Concerned that too many veterans don't know where to go or who to see, Mann encourages all Ho-Chunk veterans to use his office to connect to the VA. "We believe that Native veterans are under served because they don't know what's available," he said. "We want to change that."

He stressed that while his office may not have all the answers, they can connect Ho-Chunk veterans to the right agency. "I'm sure not everyone knows we're around," Mann said. He estimates that there are currently about 250 Ho-Chunk veterans and believes that not all are getting the benefits that they deserve. He is particularly concerned about the younger

veterans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan whose lives were put on hold to serve their country.

The Veterans Administration has three VA Medical Centers in Wisconsin; located in Madison, Milwaukee and Tomah. There are also 13 VA outpatient clinics, four community based outpatient clinics and four veterans centers across the state.

John Rohrer-Acting Associate Hospital Director at the Williams S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, explained that TeleHealth technology, available at most outpatient clinics allows patients to be served without having to travel to Madison, Milwaukee or Tomah. "It makes it easier and is a win-win for everyone," he said. Among the TeleHealth services available are TeleRetinal Imaging, Tele-Audiology and mental health care. To better serve veterans, Rohrer added that the VA is in the process of setting up pharmacy services and hopes to establish a stronger relationship between the University of Wisconsin Clinic and Hospital and VA agencies.

Jennifer Jaqua-Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom

(OEF) Coordinator at Middleton Memorial Hospital, shared Mann's concern about the younger veterans. She stated that her office is dedicated to helping younger veterans by providing for their health, employment and family needs. She continued that in addition to helping veterans obtain the needed primary and special medical care and mental health services, the OIF/OEF team can provide information and referrals to a number of community agencies and resources; including employment and education assistance and help getting state and federal veteran benefits. She noted that because some health problems may take time to surface, veterans need to know and understand that the OIF/OEF provides returning combat veterans five years of free medical care for any conditions deemed related to their deployment service.

Becky Kordahl-Associate Director of Patient Care Services at Middleton Memorial Hospital, explained that there are opportunities within the VA for persons seeking a career in health care. Because the Native population is under represented in nursing and other health care positions, Kordahl would like to

see more young Natives apply for the summer internships and other education/career programs that are available. For example, she stated the Veterans Administration Learning Opportunities Program-VALOR, allows nursing students who are between their junior and senior years to get practical experience, good pay and college credits working for the VA. Cathy Rouch from the Tomah VA Medical Center agreed that more Native healthcare workers are needed. "We would also like to offer cultural sensitivity training courses that would educate our employees about the culture and specific needs of Native veterans," she said.

Mann fears that too many Native veterans, "after being given the run a round" by the VA have given up on the system. "Too many denials have left left many veterans bitter toward the VA," he said. He explained that the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Office is working to provide tribal veterans the level of trust and understanding needed to obtain the services and entitlements they have earned.

"Our goal is to reach Native

American veterans that are frequently not responsive to traditional outreach attempts. There is broad responsibility to assist in helping veterans with coordinating access to and providing accurate information on medical care, compensation, pensions, home loans, education, burial benefits and all other VA programs and services."

He concluded "the success of this project depends on the strength of local relationships. Building a strong partnership, or sharing agreements, depends on fostering a trust relationship between the Native American tribes and the VA facility staff and leadership. To accomplish these goals, a cultural competency training program needs to be developed to ensure that providers are sensitive to the medical, mental and spiritual needs of the Native American veteran." He sees the meeting as an important step as the Nation and the VA seek to learn more about each other.

Ho-Chunk veterans needing help or information are encouraged to call the Division of Veteran Affairs at 715-284-4563 or 715-896-0428 during normal business hours.

# VA expands outreach to American Indians, Hawaiians, Alaska Natives

## *New office to serve as advocates for Tribal Veterans*

Press release by The Dept. of Veteran Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Government Relations to ensure the more than 200,000 Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, Hawaiian Natives or are part of the Alaska Native Corporations receive the VA benefits they have earned.

"There is a long, distinguished tradition of military service among tribal peoples," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "VA is committed to providing these

Veterans with the full range of VA programs, as befits their service to our nation."

About 200,000 Veterans are represented by the 800 tribal governments officially recognized by the United States. Although VA has long provided benefits to Veterans in tribal lands, the new office will further strengthen and expand that relationship.

Stephanie Elaine Birdwell, an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation from Oklahoma, has been selected as the office's first director. A former social worker, she has spent nearly 15 years work-

ing on tribal issues with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and, most recently, the Bureau of Indian Education.

She will oversee a six-person office responsible for "establishing, maintaining and coordinating a nation-to-nation, federal-tribal relationship," according to a VA briefing.

The office has a charter that officially extends to Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native Corporations.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor Safety Division Training Opportunities

Health and Safety Training is an important and necessary part of any job. As an employer, you have the responsibility of providing for your employees safety at work by enforcing rules and regulations and providing all the safety equipment they may need. As an employee, you are responsible for following all safety rules put in place by your employer and government agencies, such as OSHA, and the Ho-Chunk Nation OSHD. The Ho-Chunk Nation Safety Division offers several training classes to prepare you for possible placement into entry level positions or to enhance your skills on your current job.

### Here are just a few examples of the training we provide.\*

Violence in the Workplace	OSHA 10 hour & 30 hour**
Confined Space Entry	Lockout/Tagout
Respiratory Protection	Personal Protective Equipment
Hazardous Materials Awareness	Basic CPR/First Aid
Fire Safety	Powered Industrial Truck

\* Please note that a minimum of 4 participants and a maximum of 12 participants are needed to provide training.

\*\*General Industry or Construction

If you are interested, please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Safety Division at 800-294-9343 ext. 1152, 1150 or 1153 for more information.



# The great Ho-Chunk basket making exhibition

By: Gloria Visintin, Wapakununk-manìwìnga, Pachaci Elder, of the Hochungra, in the year 2010.

I have focused on the Ho-Chunk art of basket weaving for the past 35 years in lecturing, demonstrating, teaching and weaving. The picture is fast changing regarding the preservation of this art. When I started to work intensely toward preservation 35 years ago we still had approximately 60 weavers and assorted basket workers in various functions necessary to the basket making. Today, 2010, we have 14 basket makers in the 7000 member tribe. Those 14 basket makers have full knowledge of the basket making art, including the preparation of the Black Ash Tree and the full knowledge of the basket weaving. There are 3 other basket makers who cannot practice the art anymore because of physical and health-related constraints. The last 2 generations have very little or no knowledge and skill in basket making except for 4 younger (the youngest of whom is 41 years old) last generation basket makers under the age of 55 who live in the Wittenberg, Wisconsin area. One basket maker moved to Baraboo, Wisconsin from Wittenberg making a total of 5 last generation basket makers. Currently Wittenberg has a total of 6 basket makers. As far as is known there are 5 basket makers in the Wisconsin Dells area, 2 from Black River Falls, and 1 from Osseo, Wisconsin bringing a total of 14 practicing basket makers. The art of basket making is indigenous to the artist's environment. Wittenberg has the soil and environment which plentifully provides for Black Ash tree growth. Basket making is not just the art of weaving but also includes the knowledge of tree selection, acquisition, and material preparation. Master weavers know not only the tree preparation but also can weave at least 5 out of the 26 known basket forms.

In previous generations, the basket work was gender-related, the men did the hard labor of the tree preparation and the carving of the handles while

**THE GOAL AND MISSION OF THE GREAT HO-CHUNK BASKETMAKING EXHIBITION IS TO EXHIBIT, EDUCATE, AND DEMONSTRATE TOWARD PRESERVING AND PERPETUATING THE HO-CHUNK BASKETMAKING ART FOR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. SO THAT ALL MAY ENJOY AND APPRECIATE A UNIQUE AND RARE CULTURAL ART WHICH OCCURS ONLY IN THE ENVIRONS OF THE HOCHUNGRA AND NOWHERE ELSE ON THE PLANET EARTH.**



Mini baskets made by Alvina Decorah over 30 years ago to illustrate the many forms developed throughout the years of Ho-Chunk basket making.

the women did the coloring, designing, and weaving. Today a major change has occurred in the gender work-specifics of basket making in that 2 out of 3 remaining male basket makers now have become master weavers as well as tree experts. The women remain primarily master weavers. Only 6 women in the tribe are known to have done the tree preparation and master weaving in the last 3 generations past, but can no longer do the tree work because of physical constraints that were not there in their youth. These changes have come about due to economics, societal and individual physical-health related changes. The fine art and privilege of basket making has been passed down from generations to generation and is a family-oriented art. When a family

basket maker dies and has not taught their succeeding generation the art of basket making, the art dies with them. Sadly, all the elder male basket makers have died and our remaining female elder master basket makers are over the age of 77. Due to economic constraints and inability to acquire the tree and the basket materials thereof, a virtual standstill has occurred in basket making, (which has survived for thousands of years) showing the eminent demise of the art itself before the end of this, the 20th century.

Today, March 20, 2010, we have the added threat of an insect destroying the black ash tree, although general research has shown the ash tree (throughout the world there are 25 known types of ash trees) is least favored by the adult Japanese Beetles

and less susceptible to immediate destruction. Research has put forth that the insect rarely kills the plant on contact, but damages the leaves which interferes with the process of photosynthesis and cambium growth. The cambium of the black ash tree contains the plant fiber which is critical to basket making. Permanent damage occurs after a period of time. There is a great deal of information regarding this insect. Several parasitic wasps, flies and beetles have been imported from the Orient to control the beetles in the United States with only limited success. Natural enemies are bobwhites, robins and grackle, moles, shrews, skunks, who feed on the grubs of the Japanese beetles. A few native wasps and flies play a minor part in beetle control. There are plants which the Japanese beetle does not touch and prefer sun-struck plants.

While attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, majoring in Fine Arts in the mid-1970's to the early 1980's, I naively expected to find great extensive knowledge on the subject of Ho-Chunk basket making and its significance. I found that its importance was only known to me and other Ho-Chunks and there was rare knowledge of the art anywhere except for scarce mention in anthropological annals. At the time there were only 2 schools in the United States where one could get a doctorate in American Indian Art, least of all any studies in Ho-Chunk basket making.

There are several reasons for the lack of information on Ho-Chunk basket making, economically, socially, and academically. Economically, Native Americans had a basic mistrust for outsiders and the Hochungra had the fear of giving out "trade secrets" that the outsiders would master, acquire and thereby cut off one of the only means of survival and subsistence for the Hochungra. Many outsiders viewed the basket making as a curiosity and a novelty, not as a critical need. Very often, 1 week of basket making save a Ho-Chunk family from hunger and starvation. The black ash



Each basket has 5 visual designs from the side, top, bottom, inside of the basket, and the inside of the cover which designates them as Ho-Chunk baskets. Pictured above are a few miniature baskets made by the late Lauren Littlewolf and Beatrice Link Soldier.



tree was revered as a gift from nature to save the Hochungra in crisis. Very often when a family was in dire need of essentials for subsistence a community met together and had a "basket bee", and all members helped to make baskets in one day for the needy family who kept 100% of the profit. There was never a mention of payment by the hour. Each basket maker worked from sunrise into the night until all baskets were done. Each basket maker then later had their turn to receive the same benefits. To-date there is no record of any outsider ever thoroughly mastering the complete Ho-Chunk basket making art. Jobs were not plentiful for many Hochungra because of education and social constraints. There were vast commercial and industrial changes in the environment which reduced the functional need for basketry. Hochungra rarely use the art as a means of income today compared to the early 1920's to the late 1940's.

Socially, the deaths of many of the basket makers as well as the relocation of Indian tribes to unnatural indigenous habitats added to the demise of the art. Very often it was evident by the overlapping of techniques and design, which families intermarried or crossed geographical locations. Since techniques and design were handed down from generation to generation, the development and changes in basket making reflected those social and geographical changes. Many times the baskets reflected historical

changes in the history of the Hochungra. When the tribe came into contact with other tribes, there were indications of further adaptations materially and artistically. As time went on, and in the recent gaming revenue movement, other Native American tribes who qualified for cultural grants came to the Hochungra to adopt basket making of the Hochungra in their quest for cultural arts. The Hochungra were generous in assisting their neighbors who had lost some of their arts by providing material and experts in their quest for cultural needs. The Hochungra customarily out of compassion shared and even bequeathed territory to tribes who initially were refugees in the Indian Removal era.

Academically, currently in the 20th century the establishment of gaming revenues and better academic opportunities has drastically changed the environment of the Hochungra. Previously the need to protect "trade secrets" became a double-edged sword; besides eliminating competition, it destroyed attempts to expand information and also made it impossible for future Hochungra who did not come from traditional basket making families to learn the art. The basket making art is dying a faster death than the Ho-Chunk language which is supported by tribal funding and has an established language division. Basket makers have had little or no funding support to practice the art and successfully carry it on.



**Fish Basket made by Violet Whitewing to hold fish.**

Today, since time is running out, the only viable method of instruction for basket making would be the apprenticeship method which would be the closest method to the traditional method of teaching the art.

It is not advisable to focus only on preserving the basket making art through collections, like grave markers marking the dead, but to also keep it alive while we still have it. The Hochungra art is a cultural and historically significant art which reflects the history and the trail of the Hochungra to exist and prevail in spite of everything the past has put in the way of our journey as a people. The basket making art deserves like all beautiful living things to live and survive and it is up to all of us to make that happen. My grandmother, Hokasmaniwinga, told me "each basket carries the spirit of its maker and shows the world who that person is". Hokasmaniwinga was a master basket maker artist and sought excellence

from the family basket makers that she taught. Our basket making art has been like a relative and a friend to the Hochungra and has earned the right to be respected as a part of our tradition and of our expression as a people.

It is the hope of this author that the beautiful cultural heritage of Hochungra basket making will never die and that the Hochungra will perpetuate the art through not only collecting the basket forms but also implementing viable tangible evidence of basket making activity thereby preserving one of our world's rarest living art forms.



**The flower basket which was most popular for funeral arrangements, was made by Ray Deer.**



**Unusual forms to exquisite baskets to the latest development of the art of basket making.**

# Do you have what it takes?

The Ho-Chunk Players Youth Theatre and Film Group are looking forward to some incredible developments. In the near future, we will be hosting a premiere that will

showcase the group's theatre and film accomplishments. The community event will take place at the Al Ringling Theater in Baraboo. Everyone is invited to come and see the

creative spirit of the evolving youth group. Also, in June, the University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County Campus will have an Arts & Film festival. The Ho-Chunk Players are working on some new creative projects that will be showcased at the festival. The Ho-Chunk Players will be having acting lessons conducted by professional actors. This will surely assist the Ho-Chunk Players progress to a higher level of expression. Support of this young, passionate, and creative spirit is most welcomed, encouraged, and appreciated. Always, a big pinagigi to filmmaker Sherman Funmaker, who we are most fortunate and blessed to have help guide this group. He is very giving and committed to evolving, encouraging, and supporting the youth's individual and col-



**Ho-Chunk Players Youth Theatre and Film Group, led by Sherman Funmaker, practice their lines.**

lective creative expression. To learn more or become a part of the Ho-Chunk Players

please contact Chuck Davis at 608-355-1240 Ext. 5537



**5...4...3...2...1...ACTION!**

# Silver Rifles Drill Team places first

Submitted by  
Sara WhiteEagle

The SJNMA Silver Rifles Drill Team won first place at the 19th Annual American Legion Coca-Cola National JROTC All Service Drill Championships on February 5, 2011, which is the first national title in drill for St. John's Northwestern. With 22 cadets from SJNMA participating in the meet, the Silver Rifles competed in 12 events against 39 drill teams from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Cadet Woo Young Hyun commanded the Color Guard and won a 5th and 1st place trophy in



Proudly representing St. John's Military Academy, JROTC cadet, Thorn WhiteEagle shows off his First Place trophies with the Silver Rifles Drill Team.



SJNMA Silver Rifles Drill team named Best Army School in Attendance out of 30 drill teams in attendance at the 19th annual American Legion Coca-Cola National JROTC All Service Drill Championships.

the Unarmed Division and the Facsimile Division. Cadet Charles Lauer commanded the Facsimile Inspection and the Demilitarized Arms Platoon, which won 1st and 5th place. Cadet Hyun commanded the Facsimile and Demilitarized Platoons, which came in 2nd and 3rd place. SJNMA finished 2nd overall in the Demilitarized Division and 3rd overall in Facsimile Division, and was named the Best Army School in Attendance.

## Ho-Chunk March Madness Updates for 2011

- The Women's Tournament has been **CANCELLED** for 2011.
- The registration deadline for Men's teams has been **EXTENDED** to **Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- The registration fee is \$400. Cash or money orders only. Payments should be made to House of Wellness.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$6000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$4000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$2500, 4<sup>th</sup> Place = \$1000
- Mandatory Team Check-In remains on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. All players **MUST** check-in at the House of Wellness between 10am – 8pm.
- Games will be played March 4<sup>th</sup>- March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Number of games played depends on the number of teams entered. A maximum of 16 teams will be accepted (10 players per team).
- 3-Point Shoot-Out and Slam Dunk Contest will be on **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** from 7pm – 8pm.
- Little Hoopsters remains on Saturday at noon. Limited to 80 kids. Registration begins at 11am.
- REMINDER: All players must be 18 years old, out of high school, show proof of tribal enrollment, and present photo ID.
- Registration questions can be referred to Joanna Hollenback at [joanna.hollenback@ho-chunk.com](mailto:joanna.hollenback@ho-chunk.com) or 888-552-7889, ext. 5512.

Ho-Chunk House of Wellness  
S2845 White Eagle Rd.  
Baraboo, WI 53913

Still have questions? CALL US!

March Madness Hotline 888-552-7889, ext. 5602

Happy 7th Birthday  
February 20, 2011

Reyna Lynn  
Pettibone



Love: Mom, Dad, Jaron, Marshall, and Austin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"Belated 2nd"

Isabella Louise Reichenbach

2/20/11



Love your Gaga Anna, Mom, Dad, Auntie Jamie, Tega Andy,  
your cousins Shaila, Renae, Jennie and Leora

I Love You



Happy Valentine's Day!

To the World's Bestest  
Jaji and Nani!!

Love, Marshall Standstraight XOXO



Ro ha wacozumani  
**Douglas J. Long**  
 4th Memorial Ceremonies  
 March 26-27, 2011  
 Native American Church,  
 Wisconsin Dells, WI

Mr. Gordon Thunder, Officiating

Mr. Duane Shields, Assisting

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## WRESTLING TRY-OUTS

### US Indigenous Games 2011

Date: March 5th 2011

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Oneida Fitness Center—2640 West Point Rd. Green Bay WI 54304

What to bring: shoes, singlet/shorts & t-shirt, and headgear

Age Groups: U14, U16, U19

Your age on December 31st, 2011, determines the age category you will compete in at the 2011 Games.



Wrestling  
Try-Outs



#### WRESTLING TRY-OUT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3RD, 2011

Drop off this wrestling tryout registration form at the Oneida Fitness Center for Lori Hill or Scott Murray by March 3rd, 2011. Or Email to [lhill4@oneidation.org](mailto:lhill4@oneidation.org). OR Fax to 920.490.3814. We, as parents, agree to and understand that attending the activities provided on this day is a privilege. By signing this registration form, we support no tolerance for violence, drugs, alcohol and disrespect of staff as well as peers.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on your birthday in 2011: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Phone during clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Hold Harmless Agreement: I and my heirs hereby release the Oneida Nation and all its employees, officers, departments, Enterprises and agents from any liability for damages to or loss of personal property, sickness, and injury from whatever source, legal entanglement, imprisonment, death, loss of money, etc. for which the Oneida Tribe is not culpable, which might occur while participating in the above mentioned activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact Dan Skenandore at 920.713.3317

# ELECT SHELBY J. VISINTIN FOR HCN LEGISLATOR DISTRICT IV

#### GOALS:

Proper Representation of HCN Members' Needs and Concerns  
 Continuation of Per Capita Distribution  
 Continuation and Support for Education Services and Goals & Exploring New Potential Opportunities  
 Continuation of Business Diversification and Potential New Opportunities

Continuation of Health Services and Potential Improvement of Current Programs in Place Now  
 Continuation of Fighting for Our Children's Welfare and Well-Being  
 Continuation of Protecting and Preserving HCN on State and Federal Levels- Including: Sovereignty Rights, Gaming, & Trust Lands and Other Lands Preservation  
 Continuation of Supporting and Potential Improvement of Housing

#### EDUCATION:

Degree Conferred May 2003 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 M.S. Ed. Administrative Leadership-School of Education  
 Focus: Administration and Program Planning and Development  
 Concentration: American Indian/Multiculturalism in Programs & Services

Degree Conferred August 1998 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 B.A. Letters & Science  
 Major: American Indian Studies Interdisciplinary  
 Minor: Psychology

#### EMPLOYMENT:

Oct. 2004 - Present  
 Jan. 2003 - Aug. 2010

Oct. 1998 - Dec. 2003

Oct. 2002 - Dec. 2002

Feb. - Sept. 1998

Oct. 1995 - May 1997

June - Sept. 1995

Business Owner - Sini Sini LLC

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee - School of Education  
 Program Coordinator-Urban American Indian Teacher Training Program  
 Ho-Chunk Nation, Milwaukee Branch Office  
 Home School Coordinator - Office of Supportive Education  
 Ho-Chunk Nation, Milwaukee Branch Office  
 Interim Study Center (SC) Coordinator - Office of Supportive Education  
 Ho-Chunk Nation, Milwaukee Branch Office  
 Study Center Teaching Assistant/Tutor, Office of Supportive Education  
 UW-Milwaukee, Information & Media Technology Division  
 Clerical Support - Student Worker  
 St. Anne's Adult Daycare, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
 Volunteer Coordinator Assistant

*Being Ho-Chunk, knowing the history and experience that my people have suffered through, the sovereignty they have fought for, the communities they have rebuilt, and the overall resilience and strength we possess makes me proud, honored, and committed to serving my people to the best of my ability.*

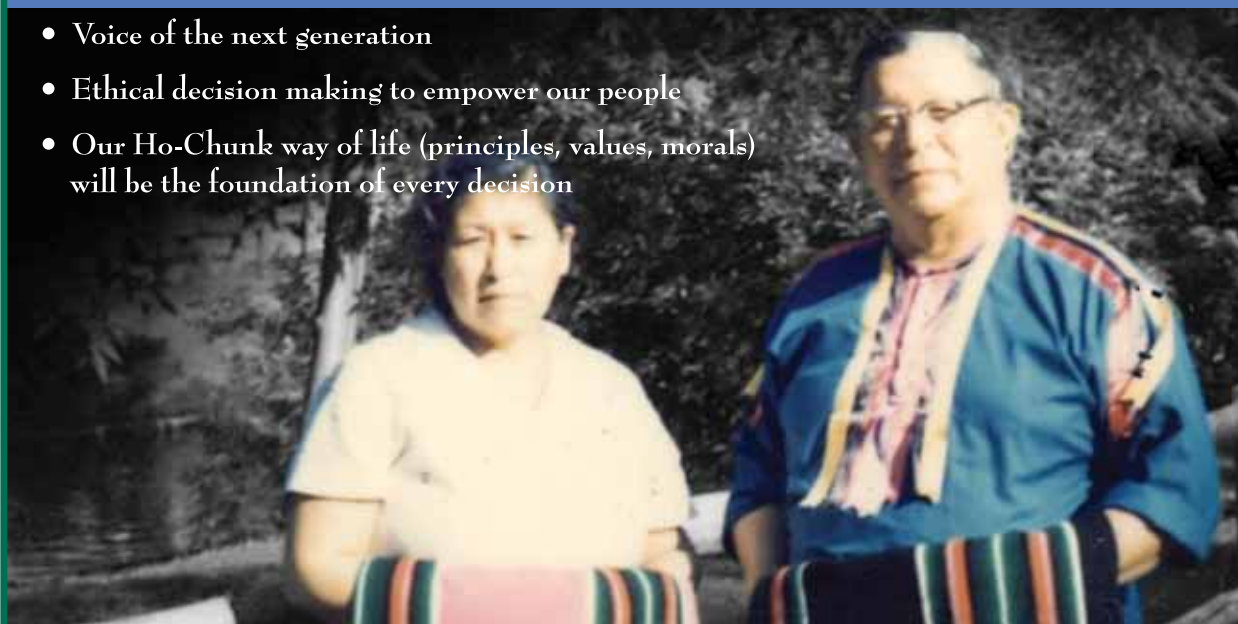
# VOTE

PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 8, 2011  
 GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 1, 2011  
 AT 3501 S. HOWELL AVE., MILWAUKEE, WI

# VOTE John S. Cloud III

## Area III Legislature

- Voice of the next generation
- Ethical decision making to empower our people
- Our Ho-Chunk way of life (principles, values, morals) will be the foundation of every decision



*"I will make informed and educated decisions based on facts while embracing the needs and best interest of our people."*



## WRITE-IN FRANCIS DECORAH

### for President of the Ho-Chunk Nation



I am running for President of the Ho-Chunk Nation as a WRITE IN, because, of my personal work ethic. I have always started with entry level positions and worked hard at achieving Supervisor, Manager, and Director Positions. Many current candidates have experience from working for our Government in the past; I have the Cultural, Spiritual, and Compassion for who we are, and where we come from.

I am a fluent speaker of our sacred language. I have remained active in our Tomah community for the last 36 years. I have served my community as a Board member and Chair of the Tribal Aging Unit, Ho-Chunk Housing Community & Development Agency, and Election Board; as well as served on the board for Constitutional Reform Committee, Education, Health, AODA, TERO, and the former Personnel Board. Also served with pride as a member of the Wisconsin Winnebago Committee in the 70's & 80's.

For more personal information you can see more about my campaign and resume on [www.facebook.com/francis.decorah](http://www.facebook.com/francis.decorah) or at [francisdecorah@gmail.com](mailto:francisdecorah@gmail.com)



As your President I will . . .

- Work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to enter in new business ventures outside of gaming that benefits the Entire Nation's membership.
- Give Ho-Chunk Members the 1st priority for employment and training opportunities.
- Acquire & develop more lands for housing, for young and single families.
- Address the current Per-Cap Distribution.
- Choice of Per-Cap Distribution, Monthly or Quarterly.
- Pursue qualified grant writers and employ (on a contract, as needed, performance basis) in many of our Departments & Divisions to reduce the amount/alleviate NPD monies put into programs and services.
- Reassess, evaluate, and administer ALL services provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation and improve on those services.
- COMMUNICATION, I will develop and implement direct communication with ALL of the membership on a weekly basis.

**MARCH 8th WRITE-IN FRANCIS DECORAH for President of the Ho-Chunk Nation**



## Vote Legislature District 2

**Goals**

- Increase Per Capita
- Revitalize Fiscal Discipline and Accountability
- Remember our Past, Promote our Future
- Open communication with tribal members

**Education**

- Associate Degree, Madison Area Technical College
- Bachelor of Science Degree, Edgewood College

Granddaughter of Calvin Whiteagle  
and Georgina Greengrass-Whiteagle

# Miriam Whiteagle

Wipamakerejga

Contact info: wipamaga@aol.com

Vote  
March  
8th

## MYRNA J. THOMPSON

### DISTRICT III

Vote for me to  
serve the Ho-Chunk

**SERVICE**

- Legislator 1999-2008
  - US Marine Corp '59-'61, Honorably Discharged
  - Veteran's Affairs Advisory Committee
  - Tribal Aging Unit
  - Constitution Reform Task Force
  - Niikuusra Community School, Nekoosa
  - Gaming Commission
- Employed presently as a State Certified Social Worker for CFS

**Strengths**

- Ho-Chunk Preference/Employment
- Tribal Elder Issues
- Veteran's Issues
- Controlled Spending
- Address Tribal Housing Shortage
- Maintain open door, working communications with constituents.

**I will serve with *HONESTY. INTEGRITY.*  
*DIGNITY* and *DEDICATION*  
TO THE HO-CHUNK PEOPLE**

*Please feel free to call me at 715-323-5177*



# Hocak Wazijaci Howace Tribal President

VOTE  
MARCH 8, 2011

## Dr. Jeremy Patrick Rockman, Ed.D. Mak Ska Hi-Ga

The Hocak Wazijaci Howacena presently confronts widespread problems as a people. Despite the revenues which are derived from our gaming industry, we still contend with health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, addictions to alcohol and drug abuse, lack of academic achievement, rates of incarceration, housing, economic development and jobs, and political fragmentation which prevents us from pushing forth in solidarity against external forces which are antagonistic to our progress. Paying \$60,000,000.00 to the State of Wisconsin and \$1,000.00 per acre to county governments where our trust lands are located is a violation of our treaty provisions. If we stood on those provisions, the legislature would not have to be going about like a beggar nation trying to borrow money from the likes of Merrill Lynch, CitiBank, JP Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo. Either the tribe wakes up, or else dies in the nightmares of our own sleep, because the next step in mismanagement is governmental receivership and perhaps even *Termination!* As a candidate, I cannot promise to rectify all the ills of the Hocak Wazijac Nation, however, I am confident that I possess those qualifications necessary to begin making inroads to making a positive impact on those negative realities. I would appreciate your vote on March 8, 2011 for Dr. Jeremy Patrick Rockman, Ed. D., President, Hocak Wazijaci Howacena.



### EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Arts** – (Sociology/History) University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, 1970.  
**Master of Arts** – (Educational Psychology/Special Education/Pschoeducational Studies) University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, 1981.  
**Doctor of Education** – (Administrative & Policy Studies in Education/Curriculum & the Study of Schooling) University of California - Los Angeles, 1990.

### MILITARY

United States Marine Corps - Echo Company, Weapons Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Ground Forces. Totally combat experienced in the Republic of Vietnam (Con Thien, Khe Sanh, Calu Valley, DMZ, Dodge City). 2nd Combined Action Group (Field & Headquarters), Vietnamese Language School. February, 1968 - March, 1969. Collaborated with Dallas R. Whitewing to create the National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the High Ground in Neillsville, WI.  
**HONORABLE DISCHARGE!**

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Seven years teaching experience and research from the junior high school to university level at Mankato State University, UW-Superior, Mount Senario College, and University of California at Los Angeles. Ten successfully funded Grant/Proposal Writing experiences. Thirty-three years of professional experience in the areas of teaching, grant writing, program design, development and directorship, curriculum development, academic advisement, counseling, special education intervention/remediation, research, and consultancy. Roughly 13 years were invested in promoting the well being of the Hocak Wazijaci Nation. In 1970, I researched economic development manuals and regulations from the Economic Development Administration and Office of Economic Opportunity in order to craft an Overall Economic Development Plan for the purposes of obtaining a designation number from the EDA for tribal economic development. This number has authorized all economic development funds which have come into the tribe since it was awarded.

In 1991-92, as Administrative Officer, I did all of the professional writing to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice and Senators and Congressmen which resulted in the DOJ issuing a trust-based declaratory injunctive relief action on behalf of the Hocak Wazijaci Nation which eliminated gaming corruption and created the conditions necessary for a fair and profitable gaming industry to thrive here for our economic benefit. All of that critical correspondence is yet in my possession, the crafting of which resulted in victories for the tribe in United States Federal Court for the 7th District - Western Wisconsin under the pronouncements of Federal Judge John C. Shabaz.

Finally, I am a man of Honesty, Intelligence, Integrity, Forthrightness and am firmly committed to promoting the continued existence of the Hocak Wazijaci Nation as reflected in the words of Victor Hugo, noted 19th century French poet, novelist, and dramatist,:

*There is no such thing as a little country.  
The greatness of a people is no more determined  
By their number than the greatness of a man  
Is determined by his height.*